

Minutes

Meeting: Council on Coastal Futures

Place: Conference Room, OCRM Offices
1362 McMillan Avenue
North Charleston, South Carolina

Date: December 13, 2002

Present: William W. Jones, Jr., Chairman
William D. Baughman
Dana Beach
Barbara Catenaci
James S. Chandler, Jr.
Jesse Dove
James Frazier
Fred Holland
Hank Johnston
Sen. John Kuhn
Barrett Lawrimore
Tom Leath
Rep. Dwight Loftis
John Miglarese
John Settle
Jack W. Shuler
Mike Wooten

Absent: Ellison D. Smith, IV

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Jones and OCRM Deputy Commissioner Chris Brooks welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Council on Coastal Futures.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and asked the Secretary to call the roll. There were 14 members present, thus establishing a quorum. Three members of the Council arrived after the roll was called.

Chairman Jones stated that the news media and concerned citizens were notified, as required by the State Freedom of Information Act, of the following scheduled meeting:

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Chairman Jones stated that the Council has, therefore, complied with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman Jones thanked the members of the Council for their willingness to serve. He explained that each member was chosen for his environmental ethic. He asked that each member be intellectually honest with each other and make an attempt to view issues through the eyes of others who have a different perspective and attempt on every issue to reach consensus. The parameters of the deliberations are the existing regulations, good science, common sense, best management practices, and the constitutional private property rights of people and the court decisions that guide those constitutional decisions. He suggested that to be successful the group must operate within the mission, scope and authority of the mission statement established by DHEC. He indicated that we must all recognize that South Carolina's coast will continue to grow and that the Council's work must be viewed in that perspective. Coastal zone management is an evolving process.

Following introductions of members of the Council and OCRM staff, the facilitator for the group, Mr. David McNair introduced himself and explained what his role will be at each meeting.

II. 25 Years in Less Than 25 Minutes: SCDHEC-OCRM Snapshot

Chris Brooks presented a historical overview of OCRM that included the organizational structure, programs and authority including key events and decisions.

III. Process for Priority-setting

Elizabeth Berry, of the McNair Group, presented an overview of the information that is being gathered to assist the Council in priority-setting. Retrospective interviews were conducted of former Coastal Council members and staff, current Appellate Panel members and select individuals with a long association with the coastal program. A survey of stakeholders is being conducted and a public opinion survey will be conducted in the near future. This data will be analyzed and presented to the Council at a future meeting.

IV. Lunch: Video - *Celebrating What's Right with the World*

During a lunch break, the Council viewed a video narrated by DeWitt Jones of National Geographic. The video highlighted creativity, challenge and innovative solutions to problem solving.

V. Unity and Diversity: How Both are Encouraged

Following the video, David McNair led the group in a team building exercise designed to help the members of the Council get to know each other and to raise awareness of different decision-making styles.

VI. From Mission to Outcomes: What to Expect

The Council then reviewed its mission statement. David McNair explained that the mission of the group is to recommend action. The Council's initial draft report will be submitted to the Coastal Zone Management Appellate Panel for review and comment, and the final report will be to the SCDHEC Board by May 1, 2004. The Council discussed handling public input,

media contact and voting procedures. They agreed that 10 members present will constitute a quorum, that procedural issues could be decided by a simple majority vote and that substantive issues would require a 75% vote of the members present.

Additionally, David McNair proposed a three tiered decision-making structure as follows:

1. Simple decisions would be made by a quick vote of the Council.
2. Other decisions could be deferred to a later time to give time for analysis and consideration of information.
3. Issues could be referred to staff for an analysis and presentation of a staff recommendation back to the Council.

VII. Procedural Overview

Meeting dates and locations were discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2003, at the OCRM office in Charleston. Chairman Jones will appoint a vice-chair for the Council.

VIII. Questions and Closure

There being no further business, Representative Loftis made a motion that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Janet M. Kruger
Secretary to the Council